



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

GREAT FALLS HIGH

Chester

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 288

Principal: Corey J. Murphy

Superintendent: Mr. John Taylor

Board Chair: Mrs. Maggie James

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	5	24	0	2

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Passed 2 subtests (%)	72.9%	63.8%	74.0%	71.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	21.4%	27.5%	14.2%	17.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.7%	8.8%	12.8%	11.6%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.6%	89.3%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	77	231
Number of Diplomas	64	153
Rate (%)	83.1%	71.6%

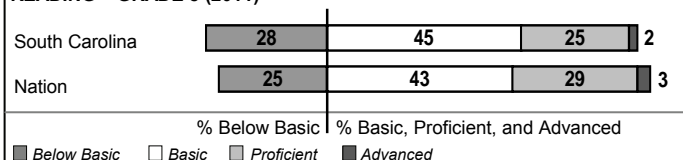
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	62.0	73.4
English 1	39.7	58.3
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	48.9	60.5
Physical Science	48.8	49.4
US History and the Constitution	33.9	37.8
All Tests	47.3	55.1

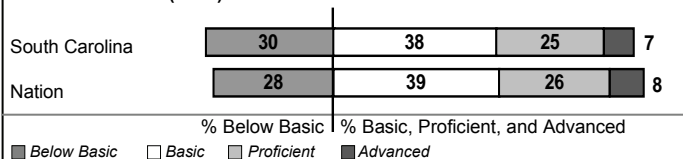
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

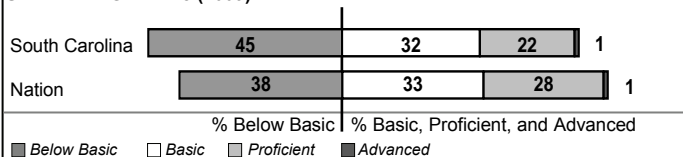
READING – GRADE 8 (2011)



MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)



SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=288)				
Retention rate	5.9%	Up from 4.2%	3.6%	3.4%
Attendance rate	92.6%	Down from 93.5%	95.0%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	21.9%	Up from 19.5%	13.0%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.5%	Down from 13.9%	9.8%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	13.5%	Up from 12.2%	8.4%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.0%	Down from 4.4%	0.4%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	Down from 12.9%	7.6%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	43.8%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.6%	No Change	29.1%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	1.4%	Down from 6.2%	2.9%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	4.4%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	130	Down from 146	291	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	86.2%	Down from 90.7%	83.0%	83.0%
Teachers (n=19)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.4%	Up from 56.5%	61.1%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	78.9%	Up from 52.2%	80.4%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.9%	Down from 81.5%	85.9%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	100.0%	Up from 96.6%	95.8%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,943	Up 3.7%	\$46,713	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.1%	Up from 0.0%	2.5%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	7.4 days	No Change	10.6 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 0.0	4.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.8 to 1	Up from 20.7 to 1	25.3 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.5%	Up from 89.2%	89.6%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$11,013	Up 1.8%	\$7,961	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.9%	Down from 54.1%	59.1%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.7%	Down from 55.8%	62.4%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	65.8%	Down from 99.0%	97.9%	97.3%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	46.2%	Down from 54.5%	57.9%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	16	49	5
Percent satisfied with learning environment	75.0%	77.6%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	68.8%	81.6%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	60.0%	87.8%	I/S

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Great Falls High School is a 9 - 12 school in the extreme southeastern corner of Chester County in the central upstate of South Carolina. This year our annual drop-out rate decreased from 8.4% to 5%. First attempt HSAP passage rate was 78.4%, and our longitudinal HSAP passage rate was 96.4% up from 93.45%. The class of 2011 had 29 honor graduates out of 63 members of the senior class, and 30% of the seniors were eligible for Life Scholarships. Eighteen of our juniors qualified to be Junior Marshalls with an overall GPA of 3.75. The Beta Club has 45 members and the Spanish Honor Society has 26 inducted members. Three of our students received JROTC Scholarships worth \$54,000 each, and four of our students received athletic scholarships in football and golf. The average daily attendance at Great Falls High School was 94.6%. Our freshmen are enrolled in ELA strategy classes and math strategy classes to allow them a semester of preparation before English I and Algebra I classes the second semester.

Great Falls High School was chosen as a "Partner" school by Winthrop University to be a part of the NetSCOPE school network. NetSCOPE funded the materials for a middle/high book study using Todd Whitaker's book, What Great Teachers Do Differently, and several after school meetings were held for faculty members to present their opinions and for book discussions. During the 2011 summer break over 1/2 of the faculty will be attending staff development offered through the NetLEAD division of the program to train our faculty. This year 6 of our teachers received PET Grants, the multimedia teacher received a grant for new equipment, and \$80,000 was awarded the school from the SC Department of Education for an After School Recovery and Tutoring Program and Instructional Coach. In the summer of 2010 the faculty and administration offered a presentation on the school's program using the Senior Project Initiative to assess the students' knowledge and capabilities. The administration and several members presented at the Educational and State Business Summit (Greenville, SC), the SCASA Summer Conference (Myrtle Beach, SC), and SREB's 24th Annual Staff Development Conference (Louisville, KY). The high school finished its fourth year as a High Schools That Work Initiative site and six of its faculty attended the State Business Summit and the 25th Annual Staff Development Conference (Nashville, TN). Seven faculty members received Incident Management Training 100 through FEMA because of a REMS Grant for increased safety preparedness.

Student incentive programs included, Student of the Month, Principal's Honor Roll, free pizza, snacks, ice cream, and soft drinks are awarded to honor roll students after report cards are issued. Every morning during the morning news and information program, student achievers and those who perform acts of community service are spotlighted or interviewed on camera. Great Falls students raised \$750 for the Red Cross, \$851.26 was raised for Heart Awareness Month, \$600 was raised for Pennies for Patients, and 1,836 cans of food were collected for the local food bank, GRASP. Great Falls High and Great Falls Middle Schools will have one BEDS code at the beginning of 2011 Fall Semester. The faculty and students will be working hard to make this new configuration of a 6 - 12 school; one that prepares all its students for school and work beyond the school doors.

Corey Murphy - Principal/Brenda Fort - Acting Principal
School Improvement Co-chair - Mr. Glenn Ross

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